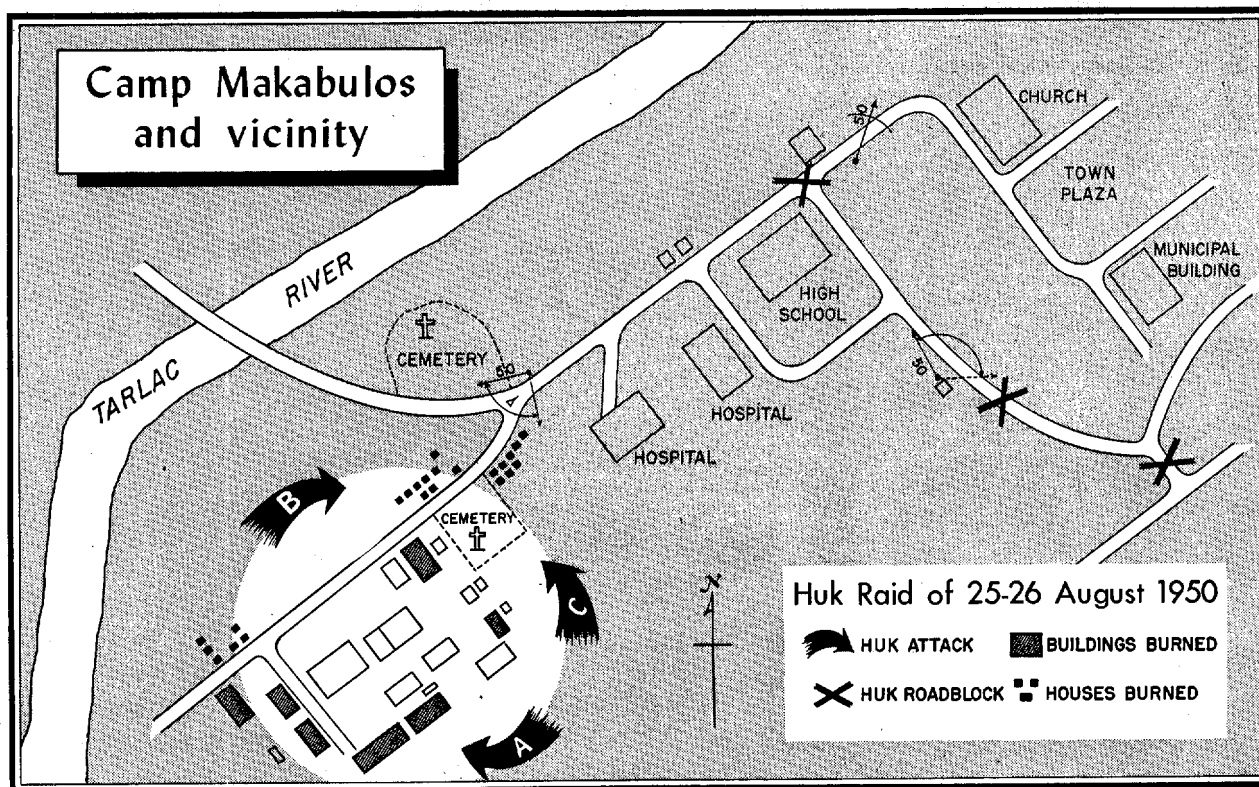


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tance. The present guerrilla stage of the Huk revolution is well-developed. The Huks depend for success on mass support, without which they cannot win or even exist. This dependence is

one of their most vulnerable points. They undoubtedly would have made further progress except for the alert countermeasures of the Philippine Government.

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The Iranian Army as a Defense Force

Its Present Meager Capabilities Would Be Rapidly Dissipated by Weaknesses That Would Develop in an Emergency

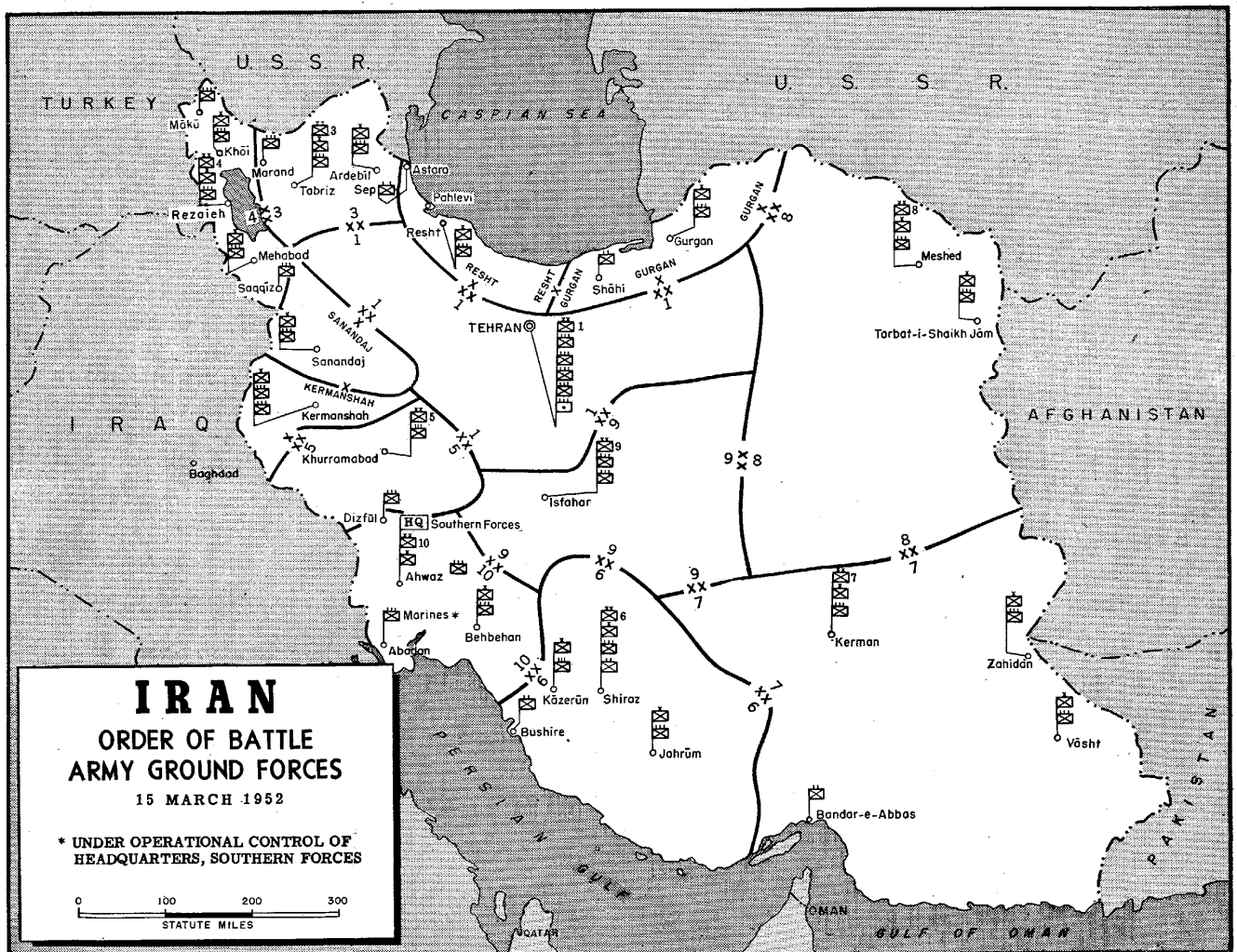
The nationalization of Iran's oil industry, climaxed by the expulsion of British oil technicians in October 1951, has led to increasing international friction, internal political intrigues, and financial deterioration. These developments make Iran

dangerously unstable at present. This instability, aggravated by a short-sighted Government policy which fosters overt Communist activity, makes Iran increasingly susceptible to Soviet influence.

Iran is one of the few remaining independent countries with an extensive land frontier in common with the Soviet Union. Should the Soviets invade Iran, the sole force available to meet the attack would be the Iranian Army. This force, which is an unwieldy one, numbers 130,000 officers and men organized into 9 infantry divisions and 4

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The equipment situation is somewhat less satisfactory. Except for the new Centurion tanks, the Army has only worn World War II equipment. There are serious shortages of antiaircraft equipment, ammunition, clothing, radar, mines, heavy engineer equipment, signal equipment, and especially cargo vehicles. The current rearmament program gradually is overcoming some of these deficiencies, but certain items, such as general-purpose trucks, will be in short supply for several years unless a larger part of the nation's industrial capacity is diverted to military production.

Status of Supporting Arms and Services

In addition to serious shortages of equipment, the over-all effectiveness of the Army is reduced further by a lack of supporting arms and services sufficient to back up even the present active Army in wartime. The shortage of nondivisional artillery and engineer units is particularly acute.

In peacetime, the weakness in service units is offset by the employment of large numbers of civilians. If war should break out, the civilian

